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Subject: Microsoft settlement offer is inadequate ...

Dear People,

Microsoft's offer to donate billions of dollars of their own software to schools seems especially craven to me. Such a donation amounts to a one billion dollar marketing commitment by Microsoft in the education marketplace, a commitment that no other company is capable of making.

If Microsoft is allowed to go forward under the current (revised) proposal, it seems certain to me that essentially all of our schools will be required to use, purchase, and maintain software manufactured by Microsoft for years to come.

It would be more equitable to require Microsoft to donate cash to the schools.

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